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25X1 SUBJECT: Drug Enforcement Communications Meeting	
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- 1. On 13 April 1987 I attended the first meeting of the Interagency Working Group on Drug Enforcement Communications (IAWGDEC) at the Pentagon. The meeting was chaired by of NSA/V2 and included about 40 people. The chairman presented an agenda and got bogged down almost immediately.
- 2. The basic objective is to produce a "telecommunications master plan" for drug enforcement communications. However, few of the attendees knew anything about the problem. Among those that did, none were in a position to speak authoritatively to the overall requirement or problem. It seems that there is no "program manager" for drug enforcement and thus no one authority to say what the operational concept is. Customs and Coast Guard seem to address the border interdiction problem while the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) takes a back seat even though it is the "lead agency" for drug enforcement. DEA, however, emphasizes overseas requirements, particularly local tactical communications either with agents or cooperating local enforcement organizations. Consequently, the chairman had a difficult time getting the meeting focused.
- 3. The conclusion was that the major operating agencies (DEA, DOD, Customs, Coast Guard) would provide briefings at the next meeting. In addition, each organization would draw up its own list of operational requirements for presentation to the group.
- 4. The task of drawing up individual operational requirements is probably a mostly useless exercise. The requirements will be stated in terms of "Customs needs a voice circuit from border points to Coast Guard ships". Once drawn up, they will beg the question of what operational activity they support. What is needed is a top level definition of the overall operational activities necessary and then a derived set of communications requirements.

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5. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 28 April at the Pentagon.

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Chief, Foreign Networks Division, OC

Attachments:

- A. Draft Agenda 13 Apr 87 IAWGDEC Mtg
- B. Action Items (3), dtd 15 Jan 86

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DRAFT AGENDA Interagency Working Group on Drug Enforcement Communications Meeting 13 April 1987

I. Chairman statement of:

Tasking Purpose/Charter Major Task is Master Plan

- II. Discussion of Draft Charter
- III. Discussion of Master Plan Outline
 - IV. Commercial SATCOM Question
 - V. Working Group Organization
 - VI. Define and Task actions
- VII. Schedule
- VIII. Administrative
 - IX. Summary and Actions
 - X. Scheduling next meeting

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Proposed Charter for Interagency Working Group on Drug Enforcement Communications

Scope:

The Interagency Working Group on Drug Enforcement Communications provides an inter-agency forum for addressing issues associated with establishing a secure interoperable communications capability in support of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Program. In recognition of the complexity of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Program, the board will restrict itself to interoperability issues only, either among agencies or between agencies and state, local or foreign entities. The working group will address single agency issues only on an exception basis and at the specific request of the agency.

In recognition of the inter-agency character of the working group, the following goals are stated:

-The working group will address the total drug enforcement program, it will not restrict itself to interdiction.

-The working group will not supplant existing operational working groups or committees although it may take an interest in their activities.

-The focus of the group will always be to establish a secure interoperable system which can remain viable in the face of possible future shifts in emphasis or participation.

-The initial product of the working group will be a telecommunications master plan

Review or modification of this charter can be proposed by any member.

Membership:

-Chairman: In response to the 6 Nov 1986 decision of the National Drug Enforcement Policy Board, the working group will initially be chaired by DoD. This in no way implies that the working group is not inter-agency in focus.

-Members: In view of the broad nature of the working group charter, representatives from the participating agencies should be sufficiently senior to commit resources to work technical issues, to authoritatively represent their agencies positions and to gain approval of their agencies for the working group products such as the Telecommunications Master Plan.

-The following organizations shall be members:

DRAFT Drug Enforcement Communication Master Plan Outline

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- I. Executive Summary
- II. Introduction
 - -Purpose
 - -Scope
 - -Assumptions
 - -Concept
- III. Descripton of Operational Needs
 - -Strategic
 - -Tactical
 - -International/Foreign
 - -Other State/ Loca &
- IV. Communications Interoperability Requirements
- V. Current Capabilities
 - -Agency unique
 - -Interoperable
 - Short Enils
- VI. Description of Recommended System
 - -Alternatives Considered
 - -Rationale for recommendation
 - -Architecture(s)
 - -Standards
 - -Known equipment availability
 - -Required data
- VII. Phasing Plan
 - -Required actions
 - -Frequency assignments -Infrastructure support
 - -Contracts
 - -Facilities
 - -Maintenance
 - -Operators
 - -Sequencing of Actions
 - -Definition of Interim Capabilities
 - -Cost estimates

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- VIII. Recommended Taskings and Responsibilities
 - -Infrastructure support
 - -Agency Implementation
 - -Other

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Drug Enforcement Communications Interoperability
Master Plan

DATE: 13 April 1987

- 1. Form Sub-Working Groups
- 2. Task Development of Conop to Guide Master Plan
- 3. Solicit Operational Elements to Establish Interoperable Comms Requirements
 - a. Interoperable Comms Needs
 - -With Whom?
 - -What medium?
 - -What Information?
 - -Where?
 - -How often?
 - -How many links/terminals?
 - -Security?
 - b. Current Capabilities/assets
 - -What?
 - -How many?
 - -Where?
 - -Security?
 - c. Planned Expansions/Improvements/Additions

4 May 1987

- 1. Communications Threat Briefing (NSA)
- Sub-Group Submit/Brief Conop
- Working Group Comments/Suggestions
- 4. Operational Elements Present Requirements
- 5. Working Group Comments
- 6. Task Sub-Working Group to Develop Initial Comms Approach
 - a. Types of Comms Needed
 - b. Alternative Architectures/Systems
 - c. Recommended Architecture/Standards

- d. Available Assets
- e. Known sources of Equipment to meet needs
- f. Recommended Phasing

15 June 1987

- Architecture Sub-Working Group Submit/Brief
- 2. Working Group Discuss/Comment
- 3. All principals tasked to get agency comments

15 July 1987

- 1. Agency Comments Presented/Discussed
- 2. Task Sub-Working Group to develop final plan.

17 August 1987

- 1. Final Plan Presented to Working Group
- 2. Principals tasked to obtain Agency concurrence.

1 September 1987

- 1. Approved/Coordinated Plan
- 2. Solicit agencies to Develop Implementation plans

1 November 1987

Implementation plans presented

